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| <b>Office Action Summary</b> | Application No.<br>10/694,617  | Applicant(s)<br>POWELL ET AL. |  |
|                              | Examiner<br>Patrick F. Brinson | Art Unit<br>3754              |  |

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#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-35 and 41-43 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 35 and 36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 37-40 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)               | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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### DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-35 and 41-43 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 27 June 2005.

### *Claim Objections*

2. Claims 38-40 are objected to because of the following informalities: Claims 38 and 40 both recite “the third thermoplastic material” without proper antecedent basis. Claim 39 recites “the crystallization retarding component” without proper antecedent basis. Appropriate correction is required.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 36 and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. 5,706,865 to **Douchet** in view of U.S. 4380242 to Gray et al.

The patent to **Douchet** discloses a multi-layered hose comprising a first layer (2) formed of a plurality of polyamide layers, namely an inner layer of polyamide 12, an intermediate layer of polyamide elastomer, and an outer layer of polyamide 6. A second layer bonded directly onto the first layer is a layer (3) formed of a hot melt polyurethane. **Douchet** does not disclose the durometer between 63 Shore D and 83 Shore D. The patent to **Gray et al.** discloses a multilayer hose including an inner layer (12) formed of a polymeric material that is self-supporting such that it has substantial hardness and stiffness at its outer surface, preferably having a hardness of from about 75 Shore A to about 63 Shore D. It is further disclosed that the polymeric material may be polyurethane. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the polyurethane of **Douchet** to have a durometer of at least 63 Shore D as suggested by **Gray et al.** in order to provide substantial hardness and stiffness to the high pressure fluid pipe in order to accept the reinforcement without substantial deformation of the tube.


### ***Conclusion***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The patents to Ostrander et al., Matthews, Hsich et al., Washkewicz et al., and Plumley are all pertinent to Applicant's invention in disclosing multilayered hoses having layers formed of polyamides and/or polyurethanes.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Patrick F. Brinson** whose telephone number is (571) 272-4897. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Michael Y. Mar** can be reached on (571) 272-4906. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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